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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, ID, JA  
SUBJECT: JAPANESE ATTITUDES TO LOMBOK CTS

REF: JAKARTA 14831

1. OUR IMPRESSION HERE IS THAT GOJ CONSIDERS LOMBOK CTS PROJECT AS A LOW PRIORITY ITEM, AND THUS NOT LIKELY TO GENERATE MUCH POLITICAL INTEREST, PARTICULARLY IF THE INDONESIANS DON'T WANT IT. OUR INFORMATION INDICATES THAT PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA TOLD PRESIDENT SUHARTO THAT JAPAN WOULD HELP IN BUILDING THE CTS ONLY IF THE SAUDIS JOINED IN WITH OIL AND MONEY. SINCE THIS APPARENTLY WILL NOT BE THE CASE, WE DON'T SEE THE GOJ PUSHING IT AT THIS TIME.

2. WHAT INTEREST THERE IS IS BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY  
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IN LOMBOK (AS WELL AS IN PALAU - ANOTHER CTS PROJECT IN WHICH GOJ INTEREST IS SIMILARLY LOW) OF SITES FOR STOCKPILING OIL. SITES ARE DIFFICULT TO FIND IN JAPAN, FOR BOTH GEOGRAPHICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS. BUT THE GOJ IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DECIDING HOW MUCH OIL IT WISHES TO STOCKPILE IN ADDITION TO THE IEA 90 DAY REQUIREMENT. IT IS ALSO ACTIVELY SEARCHING

FOR SITES IN JAPAN, WHERE IT MUCH PREFERS TO HOLD  
THE STOCKS, IN THE EVENT IT IS DECIDED TO GO FOR A  
HIGHER LEVEL.

3. THE PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN IS ALSO LESS  
THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROJECT, BUT MAINLY FOR  
ECONOMIC REASONS. IT MADE THE INTERESTING POINT THAT  
THE CTS IDEA WAS INITIALLY FAVORED BY JAPANESE  
TRADING COMPANIES BECAUSE IT WOULD ALLOW VLCC/ULCC  
TANKERS TO COME AT LEAST PART OF THE WAY, EVEN THOUGH  
BERTHING FACILITIES ARE INSUFFICIENT IN JAPAN ITSELF  
FOR FREQUENT DOCKINGS OF SUCH LARGE VESSELS. BUT  
WITH THE INCREASE IN TANKER RATES FOLLOWING THE  
1973 EMBARGO, THE IDEA LOST ITS ECONOMIC ATTRACTIVENESS.  
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